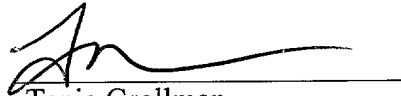


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining this application on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

At page 1, lines 5-7, please delete "This application is a continuation of USSN 08/363,264, filed December 22, 1994, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference"  
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and substitute therefor --This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/034,606, filed March 3, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/363,264, filed December 22, 1994, Patent No. 5,814,062, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-20 in the original application without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.


Please add new claims 1-4 as follows.

- 1. (New) An apparatus for use in occluding a body cavity comprising:  
a pusher; and  
a detachable occlusive implant fluidly coupled to the pusher via a lumen in the pusher, said implant detachable from said pusher by fluid pressure delivered via said pusher lumen.
2. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the implant is a coil.
3. (New) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the coil is a platinum coil.
4. (New) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the coil has a length of between about 0.5 to 60 cm.--

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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